

awakening but by ascribing it to the working of the omnipresent Spirit of God?

"This general and simultaneous movement of the mind, under the mighty impulse of the Spirit of supplication, has been very striking in the parishes of Worcester and Wellington, and partly in the parishes of Tulbagh and the Paarl. I do not refer to the villages, but to the country places. One might be inclined to ascribe the religious spirit which rules over the inhabitants of these villages, to the infectious influence of example and public opinion; but how are we to explain it, that at those isolated farms the people are at once impressed, some of them most deeply, with sentiments to which but a week or day before they were perfect strangers? At that part of Breede River, for instance, which is included in the parish of Worcester, a prayer meeting was started last year, which no more than three or four individuals could be induced to attend. But as soon as the awakening impulse of God's Spirit was felt, old and young, parents and children, whites and blacks, at almost every farm, were desirous to join in social prayer, and immediately prayer meetings were multiplied. And the interest manifested in those religious meetings continues, after the lapse of four or five months, unabated. So it was at Goudini and Ileks River. So it is now among the farmers in the parishes of Montagu and Wellington. In some of these places they have been obliged, on account of the crowds that assembled at the meeting for social prayer, to follow the example of the inhabitants of the village, and to separate into different prayer meetings. There is one for the men, another for their wives, another for their sons, another for their daughters, and another even for their children.

"We know of an individual who, two or three days after he had declared, in vehement language, his aversion to the revival, was so overcome with a sense of his wretchedness that for some time his state of mind approached to that of despair. When I saw him he had found peace in believing the message of grace, and delighted in the exercise of secret and social prayer. His heart abounded in intense love towards those whom, but a short time before, he had despised and condemned. We know of two young men who happened to spend their holidays at home just at the time when a revival commenced there. Void of piety, prayerless themselves, they looked with haughty and scornful eyes upon those multiplied prayer meetings. They understood not by what motives other young men, whom they had known as lovers of this world, like themselves, were induced to change their conduct, and at these meetings openly to confess and deplore their sinfulness, and to implore the divine mercy. However, they felt inclined to attend these meetings, and soon after such a sense of their own wickedness, and such a desire after a new spiritual life, took hold of them, that they have become since prayerful and religious characters. When they returned to school, their school-fellows were struck with their changed habits, and in their turn they were mocked and sneered at. But they bore all this meekly, and continued to meet every evening for united prayer. They have asked their friends, whom they once despised, to pray for them; that they might persevere in the love and service of their Saviour. The change produced upon the mind and conduct of some is so sudden and great, that it commands the silent astonishment of the world, and the high-toned adoration of God's people."—*British Messenger*.

DONATION PARTY AT SCOTLAND, C. W.

The people under the pastorate of Rev. William Hay, celebrated, on the 19th December, the thirteenth anniversary of his settlement among them, by holding "a donation party" in his favour. Though the day was very stormy, the assembly was large and happy. May the donors long enjoy the ministry that has been so largely owned of God to their spiritual good in the past. J. M. S.

REV. L. KRIBS.

We understand that our brother Kribs is at present visiting the churches on behalf of the Canada Indian Missionary Society. Notice of the formation of that Society was expected in the February number of the *Canadian Independent*, but